the State Governments as early as 1969 is proposed to be vigorously operationalised during the 7th Plan;

(b) The District Planning Bodies are to prepare the Plans for the District and forward the Plans to the State Planning Bodies]State Planning Departments for being taken into account while formulating the State Plans. The actual functional relationship between the District Planning Bodies and the State Planning Bodies will, however, have to be worked out in detail by each State Government, taking into account the state of its readiness for decentralisation and in the light of the recommendations made by the Working Group on District Planning, copies of which have already been sent to all the State Governments.

Selection of Standby Airports for International Flights

283. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been appointed by Government to select airports as stand by airports for international flights and international carriers;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) what are the places selected for providing such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CTVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) The Government had appointed a Committee inter-alia to identify some domestic airports for development of international operations with a view to reduce pressure on Bombay Airport. The Committee has recommended development of facilities at some domestic airports for the operation of limited international flights. In his connection, Government have ordered a survey of the traffic potential and suitability of certain airports for being developed for international operations. The question of providing facilities at the airports will be decided after the survey is completed.

Setting up of Statutory Development Boards

284. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFATRS be pleased to state:

(a) What further steps have been taken by his Ministry to set up sta tutory development boards under Article 371(2) of the Constitution in pursuance of the Resolution passed by Maharashtra Legislative recom mending for the formation of such boards unanimously on 26th July, 1984; and

(b) what are the difficulties en countered in setting up of the said boards?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have been requested to send a suitable draft scheme for the establishment of the proposed boards. This is awaited from the State Government.

Manufacture of large main frame Computers

285. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have tak en any decision to manufacture large main frame computers being exten sively used in the country;

(b) whether the Electronics Cor poration of India has been asked to initiate the manufacturing activity with foreign technology in this re gard; and

(c) whether the selection of the collaborator has veen finalised and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DE PARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENER GY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Electronics Corporation of India Limited, has been designated to initiate the manufacturing activity for mainframe computers with foreign technology. However, the investment decisions on this are let to be taken.

(c) The selection of the collaborator has not been finalised yet. The offers from two parties, namely M|s Control Data Corporation, USA and BULL France have been shortlisted against a global tender floated by the Department of Electronics.

Development of Ahmedabad Airport

286. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans schemes under Government's consideration for development of the Ahmedabad airport during the Seventh Five-Year Plan;

(b) whether in view of the congestion at the Bombay airport and growing international tourist traffic, Ahmedabad is proposed to be developed as an alternate international airport; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider investment by non-Resident Indians in the development of international airport at Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) It is proposed to undertake the following new works/ schemes during the 7th Plan period for development of Ahmedabad airport: —

1. Airconditioning of the departure holding area.

2. Provision of a roof to cover the baggage area.

3. Construction of an approach road.

4. Construction of a new static tank near the fire station.

5. Augmentation of electric and water supply.

6. Construction of residential quarters..

7. Construction of M.T. garages of work shop section.

Besides, it is also proposed to asquire land for extension of the runway and approach lighting system.

It is proposed, in addition, to augment fire fighting facilities, night landing facilities and various radar equipment at the airport.

(b) The Government has ordered a survey of the Ahmedabad airport to assess its traffic potential and suitability for operation of limited international flights. The question of developing facilities for international operation will be considered on receipt of the survey report.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.